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WEEKLY UPDATE

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PROJECT *for* PUBLIC SPACES

Mayor Hugh Hallman kicked off Tempe's **Urban Open Space Development Plan** on Monday with consultants **Project for Public Spaces, Inc.** PPS is an international, nonprofit organization based in New York City dedicated to creating and sustaining public places that build communities. Project Lead **Phil Myrick** was on-hand to review preliminary concept plans for a few pending projects in advance of the formal kick off of the Urban Open Space Development Plan which is scheduled to begin in October. This plan will include a detailed assessment of the evolving open space needs of the Papago Park, Town Lake and Mill Avenue District areas including pocket / urban / historic parks, urban streetscapes, green streets, pedestrian trails, bikepaths, wayfinding, linkages, connectivity, maintenance standards and funding mechanisms. Details will be posted once the project schedule has been determined.

It is the great spaces between the great buildings that make a great city. - Winston Churchill

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GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Rio Salado team is working with Parks and Recreation to replant the trees lost in last month's monsoons. Together they are coordinating a volunteer event on **Make A Difference Day**, Saturday, October 28. Volunteers are needed to backfill holes, compact the dirt and water existing areas. To sign up, contact Diane Johnson at 480.858.2188.

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FastTrac FORWARD

The Fall 2006 **Tempe FastTrac Program** started Tuesday, September 12, 2006 with twelve [12] companies registered and 15 participants. In class, participants meet with knowledgeable business instructors, peers experiencing similar business challenges, and business advisors, such as bankers, CPAs, and marketing experts. The **FastTrac Growth Venture** program is designed for existing small business owners, with the focus of helping them learn and implement key business strategies to transform and improve the business. This 10 session program provides participants with information on strategic planning, legal issues, market research and analysis, financial documents and cash flow management. It also covers financing methods and growth strategies for small business owners.

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WELCOME HOME BEAZER

Beazer Homes has signed a 6.5-year lease for approximately 38,000 square feet in **SunCor's Rio West** business park, Building D. **Beazer Homes** will use the space to house its Arizona division, mortgage operations, and design studio. They join an all-star roster of tenants at the site, including **US Airways** and **Monster Worldwide**. The deal will bring the total leased space at Rio West to approximately 240,000 square feet when **Beazer Homes** begins its occupancy in May 2007.

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NAMWEST-TOWN LAKE (CLUB RIO)

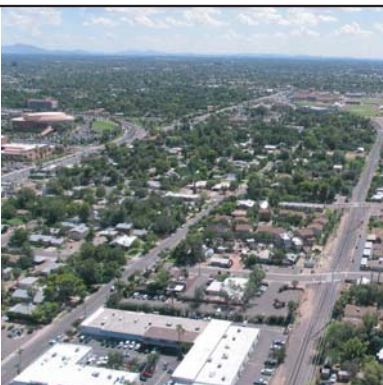
Namwest-Townlake (Club Rio) is the property located on the north side of Town Lake and west of Rural Road. In December of 2004 the 9.96-acre site was purchased by NamWest LLC. Club Rio continued to operate as Arizona Beach Club until earlier this year. On March 31, there was a shooting at the site. The club was closed, fenced and unattended shortly after that incident. In August, NamWest sent a letter to the Fire Department indicating they would demolish the vacant building on or before October 13, 2006. However, no application to demolish has been filed with Development Services.

Besides the original purchase NamWest has purchased another parcel adjacent to the site. In January 2006, a 4.26-acre parcel along the city's linear park was purchased. They have also discussed the purchase of the Papago Stables 5-acre site. Concepts and model for a mixed used development with over two million square feet of space was shared at a meeting between NamWest and Community Development and Development Services staff in the spring of this year. No site plan or development drawings have been submitted for City review.

Recently two new groups entered negotiations with Papago Stables about purchasing their property.

As a side note, for a long time the Scott family expressed interest in keeping the stables operating somewhere in Tempe. Community Development identified a potential location within the LoPiano Habitat that might work to host a stable operation. Relocation of the City's mounted patrol to the same area was also considered a possibility. Neither discussion has gone further than a rough concept.

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GAGE ADDITION

The first public hearing for the proposed **Gage Addition/Park Tract/College View ("Maple Ash") Historic District**, originally scheduled for September 14th, has been continued until the next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission on October 12th. Public interest continues to be high. For the most current information, visit www.tempe.gov/historicpres/mapleash.htm. To read the Historic Preservation Ordinance or for other information pertaining to Tempe Preservation, go to www.tempe.gov/historicpres.

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Catch a wave and a concert at the Tempe Town Lake Marina.

Enjoy free music by the water's edge from 4-7 p.m. Bring the family, a picnic, and watch the boats sail by.



Oct. 22 ~ Walt Richardson

A Tempe legend, Walt brings his peaceful reggae sound to Tempe Town Lake.



Oct. 29 ~ Chuck E. Baby and the Allstars

Check out the classic rock of this longtime Valley favorite band.



Nov. 5 ~ Grant Man and the Island Beat

Sway to the beat of Jamaica while you look out over the water.



Nov. 12 ~ The Swamp Coolers with Special Guest, Marconias

Surf guitar at its finest, with classics like Wipe Out and the Theme from Hawaii Five-O

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"Tragedy is a tool for the living to gain wisdom, not a guide by which to live."

— Robert F. Kennedy

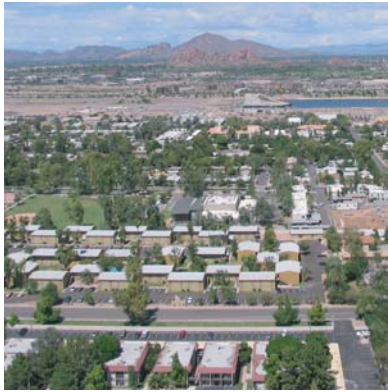


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"Sidewalk contacts are the small change from which a city's wealth of public life may grow."

— Jane Jacobs, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*



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